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## IV Reunion: A Remarkable Event

February 17 was an exciting, historic day at the U.S. Embassy. On that Saturday, nearly 170 former participants in the U.S. Embassy's International Visitor (IV) Program came together to celebrate their association with the United States and to meet their fellow grantees. Over the course of a long day, the participants got to know one another and reaffirmed their commitment to public service.

The event proved that the participants' attachment to the IV program is still strong. During the course of the day, the former IVs warmly recalled their positive IV experiences. Most who came spent nearly ten hours taking part in lectures, discussions, lunch and a closing reception.

The program itself was quite substantive. It was not simply a homecoming. The theme for the day, "Building Bridges through Volunteerism," was chosen to conform to the United Nations' designation of 2001 as the "Year of the Volunteer" as well as to give recognition to a characteristic of American



Members of the historic reunion's organizing committee (left to right) Zenaida Elepaño, Marilou Apolinario, Cultural Affairs Officer Phillip Ives, Public Affairs Officer Michael Anderson, Aniceto Sobrepeña, Adrian Sison and Angie Cunanan.

society that IV participants comment upon again and again.

Public Affairs Officer Michael Anderson opened the event with a warm welcome,

followed by an inspirational keynote address from former IV and recent Ramon Magsaysay Award winner Jesse Robredo, the ex-mayor of Naga City and a highly respected expert on "good governance." Participants then broke into small professional groupings. The discussions were designed to introduce participants to one another and to focus concerted attention on important issues of the day that the association might work on.

The last item on the agenda was a formal discussion of the proposal to form and legally register the IV Alumni Association. That motion was unanimously approved and an 11 member board was elected. Later at a follow-up meeting of the new board, Chito Sobrepeña, head of the Metrobank Foundation, was chosen as the Association's first president.

The gathering was a veritable "Who's Who" of Filipino movers and shakers. It attracted some of the nation's top journalists, one current governor, two congressmen, presidents of three leading universities, NGO leaders, businesspeople, cultural leaders, academics and past and present government officials.

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During his recent sentimental return to the Philippines, Ralph Graves, writer and stepson of the last U.S. High Commissioner Francis B. Sayre, views the small U.S. flag of gray stone that sits behind the Embassy. The plaque reads: "Near this spot on January 2, 1942, to prevent its capture by the invading Japanese army, the flag of the United States was burned and the ashes buried by George Gray, Elise Flahaven, Margaret Pierce, and Virginia Hewlett, Staff Members of the U.S. High Commissioner to the Philippines." It is signed: "Francis B. Sayre." See page 2 for details.

# Embassy Accepts McNutt Portrait



*U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Michael Malinowski and writer Ralph Graves, stepson of former U.S. High Commissioner in the Philippines Francis Sayre, unveil a portrait of Paul D. McNutt, the last U.S. High Commissioner and first U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines.*

On March 27, a special U.S. Embassy program, "A Wartime Remembrance...", featured the unveiling of a portrait of the late Paul D. McNutt, the last U.S. High Commissioner (1937-1939 and 1945-1946) and the first U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines (1946-1947). He was also a governor of Indiana and a member of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's wartime cabinet. Ambassador McNutt's private sector activities included service as Chairman of the Board and General Counsel of the Philippine-American Life Insurance Company.

The McNutt family generously donated the portrait to the Department of State, and it has been placed in the Embassy's

historic ballroom in Manila, where Ambassador McNutt served with great distinction. His daughter and last direct descendant, Louise McNutt, died recently after a distinguished, 43-year civil service career with the Department of State in Washington. The portrait was donated in her memory by Mr. and Mrs. John Krauss of Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Krauss is Ms. McNutt's cousin and a nephew of Ambassador McNutt.

In accepting the gift, Chargé d'Affaires Michael E. Malinowski called Ambassador McNutt "a great American public servant" and said the portrait "will help ensure the McNutt legacy here in the Philippines and remind all visitors of the close historic, diplomatic,

residence of the senior U.S. Government representative in the Philippines.

At a special "wartime remembrance" program hosted by U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Michael E. Malinowski on March 27 in the historic ballroom of the Embassy building, Graves spoke to more than a hundred invited guests. He talked about his experiences before the war, his days as a student at Brent School in Baguio, and his shock at seeing the destruction of Manila when he returned to the city as a young Army sergeant in March, 1945 to take part in the liberation of the Philippines. He was joined by Filipino novelist and Magsaysay Awardee F. Sionil Jose, who also shared his memories of wartime life in the Philippines.

"I was horrified by what had happened to Manila during the battle," Graves recalled.

and people-to-people ties shared by our two nations."

"If you recall your U.S.-Philippine history, it was Mr. McNutt who, on the morning of July 4, 1946, in a ceremony in front of the Rizal Monument in Luneta Park, lowered the U.S. flag before a new President, Manuel Roxas, first hoisted the flag of the independent Republic of the Philippines," Mr. Malinowski explained.

"Through his service during the difficult post-war, new independence period, Ambassador McNutt contributed much to friendly U.S.-Philippine relations," Mr. Malinowski said. "He worked hard to foster Philippine rehabilitation following the terrible devastation of WW II."

As part of the ceremony, retired U.S. Foreign Service Officer John Forbes read a message from Mr. Krauss, who wrote that it was "an honor and a privilege for me to be able to donate a portrait of my uncle."

Mr. Krauss's letter also said, in part:

"I hope that the unveiling of his portrait today will signal the start of another chapter of Philippine-American relations. His daughter, Louise, is establishing a Paul V. and Kathleen McNutt Professorship in History with a particular emphasis on the Far East at Indiana University. It is my intention to urge Indiana University to collaborate with universities in the Philippines, officials from PhilAm Life Insurance Company, where McNutt was Chairman, and the two governments to begin a lecture series and research on the Philippine-American relationship. There is much that all of us can learn."

"Devastation everywhere, many buildings totally destroyed."

"I'm sure many of you know that after the war General Yamashita was tried in this ballroom as a Japanese war criminal," Graves told the guests. "As you probably don't know, during the entire period of the trial, Yamashita was kept prisoner in my brother's and my bedroom."

In addition to a 35-year career with "Life" magazine and Time, Inc., Graves has written three nonfiction books and three novels, including *Share of Honor* (1989), which he dedicated to "the Americans and Filipinos who endured the years 1941-1945 — whether or not they survived." The novel, according to a "Washington Post" review, is "one of the best American novels yet written about wartime Philippines."

## U.S. Embassy Welcomes Graves "Back Home"

Novelist and former "Life" magazine editor Ralph Graves of New York City recently returned to his teenage home in Manila — the U.S. Embassy on Roxas Boulevard.

"It is strange and wonderful to be back in this building, back in this ballroom," he said. "It's been more than 50 years."

Graves, the stepson of Francis B. Sayre, the U.S. High Commissioner in the Philippines before World War II, lived in what is now the U.S. Embassy building from 1939 to 1941. Back then, the Embassy was both the office and



# PAEF News

## PAEF Moves to New Makati Location

On Saturday, March 31, PAEF staff members were hard at work moving books, files and applications to PAEF's new location in the Ayala Life/FGU Building on Ayala Avenue in Makati. By Monday, April 2, the office was open for business, although still in need of further attention. The new office gives the Fulbright Program a contemporary 21st century look in the heart of the country's "Wall Street," and a more prominent profile as the country's most distinguished and most sought after scholarship program.

For those who need to visit, call or communicate with PAEF, here's PAEF's new address:

Unit 10-C, Ayala Life/FGU Center - Makati  
6811 Ayala Avenue, Makati City 1200  
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Telephones: 812-0919, 812-0945, 812-0822  
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New e-mail addresses for key staff members:

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## AMCHAM Hosts "Study in the U.S." Talk

CAO Phillip Ives traveled to Cebu on March 27 to speak to the American Chamber of Commerce, university representatives and students about opportunities for university study in the United States. In his remarks, Mr. Ives noted that the number of Filipino students in the U.S., relative to students from other countries, has fallen dramatically over the years. In 1954, the first year such statistics were available, the Philippines ranked number five among sending countries. By 2000, the Philippines, with only 3,165 students in U.S. colleges and universities, had fallen to number 32 among all countries sending students to the United States.

Over the past year, the Public Affairs Section, in cooperation with the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF), has sought to expand educational



*Mr. Phillip Ives, Cultural Affairs Officer, shown during his talk to AmCham members, university representatives and students at the Marriott Hotel in Cebu last March 27.*

information services for Filipinos interested in studying overseas. It has hired two new advisors for its Manila office, and established a branch advising office at the Cebu-American Resource Foundation (CARF) in Cebu. The goal is to increase the numbers of Filipino students in the U.S. to at least 5,000 by 2005. Former Ambassador Thomas Hubbard set the process in motion two years ago by challenging PAS and PAEF to do more to encourage talented, young Filipinos to study in the U.S. He believed that returning students would, over the years, become leaders who could help promote a positive bilateral relationship between the U.S. and the Philippines.

## CPU Sponsors Lecture-Forum

The Central Philippine University (CPU) in Iloilo City sponsored a successful lecture-forum on "Study Opportunities in the U.S." and "International Education and the Fulbright Scholar Program" at the Rose Memorial Hall on March 6, 2001. The program was attended by 247 junior and senior high school and college students, graduate students, and university faculty from CPU; Filamer Christian College, Roxas City; the University of San Agustin; Western Visayas State University (WVSU); Western Visayas College of Science and Technology (WVCST); the University of Iloilo (UI); the Korean Learning Center; Leon National College of Agriculture; and De Paul College. The Department of Agrarian Reform and the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) also sent representatives to the event. Both lectures were de-

livered in the morning. Consultation and advising sessions were held in the afternoon. Channel 25 Star Cable aired the morning sessions on local TV.

Dr. Alexander A. Calata, Executive Director of the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF), talked about the Fulbright Scholar Program and the new Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Scholarship Program (FPASP). Dr. Calata encouraged faculty to apply for the 2002-2003 competitions of both scholarship programs.

The deadline for submission of applications for degree and non-degree categories for both programs is May 31, 2001. Applications must be submitted to PAEF, Unit 10-C, Ayala Life/FGU Center-Makati, 6811 Ayala Avenue, Makati City.

The mission of the Fulbright Scholarship Program is to enable qualified Filipinos to pursue particular fields of study — primarily in the social sciences and humanities — in the U.S. and to develop leaders who can contribute to promoting better understanding between the Philippines and the United States. While sharing this goal, the FPASP seeks those who wish to study fields in agriculture and fisheries with the specific objective of modernizing the agriculture and fisheries sectors in the Philippines.

Dr. Esmeralda S. Cunanan, director of educational information and advising center of PAEF, provided the audience valuable

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Overall, the day's discussions were extremely lively and substantive. They were also very timely since the event took place roughly one month after the excitement of "People Power 2" and the installation of the nation's new president.

One participant, commenting on the seriousness and professionalism of the proposals aired during the group discussions, said the group was "working just like a think-tank." In similar vein, another wrote the next day, it was remarkable "to notice the wealth of positive and constructive

ideas, the outpouring of creative sentiments and the many commonly shared aspirations reflected in the varied action programs. The tone and tenor of the suggested programs were no doubt tempered and realistic. I am confident that the enthusiasm of yesterday will be translated into the firm commitment of tomorrow, to accomplish most, if not all, what they aspired for so ardently yesterday."

The large turnout represented nearly 40 percent of all IV participants during the past 20 years. Though very impressive in itself, the number is even more impressive if one considers that participants paid their own way, and many came from long distances. One alumnus came all the way

from Hong Kong, where he is posted in the Philippine Consulate. Others flew in from Mindanao and the Visayas. Those two regions of the country were well represented, with over 20 participants from each island grouping.

In the future, IV alumni who live outside Manila or even outside the country will be able to stay in touch with other participants and the new Association's activities. In one of its last decisions of the day, the assembled group agreed to create an Association web site that will list members, announce programs and post current issues to be considered and debated by all. When the site is up and running, it will be announced in "TJIC Dialogue."

## Scenes from the Historic IV Reunion



*Over 170 guests attended the first-ever reunion of International Visitor alumni in the historic U.S. Embassy Ballroom on Feb. 17, 2001.*



*Counselor for Public Affairs Dr. Michael Anderson welcomed International Visitor alumni on behalf of the U.S. Government in both Washington and Manila.*



*Commissioner on Human Rights Nasser Marohomsalic, and the parish priest of Smokey Mountain, Fr. Benigno Beltran, lead fellow IV alumni in the reunion's inter-faith invocation.*



*Atty. Adrian Sison served as the emcee during the reunion's plenary sessions.*

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*Mr. Jesse Robredo, volunteer of the Community Organizers of Philippine Enterprises, Magsaysay awardee and former mayor of Naga City, was the reunion's keynote speaker.*



*Ms. Angie Cunanan of United Nation Development Program (UNDP) provided a profile of the participants in the reunion.*



*Mr. Aniceto Sobrepeña, Executive Director of the Metrobank Foundation, provided an overview on the International Visitor reunion.*



*Justice Zenaida Elepaño, Acting Court Administrator of the Supreme Court (right), lends a hand in welcoming fellow IV alumni and in selling souvenir "IV caps," which quickly sold out.*



*Eden Garde of the Philippine Business for Social Progress stresses a point during the reunion's networking group session. Shown with Ms. Garde are Ana Advento, Jose Rene Gayo and Mario Deriquito*



*Mr. Edgar Comeros of the Visayas Cooperative Development Center (VICTO), Cebu City and Congressman Mariano Tajon of Ilocos Sur share insights during the reunion's thematic session on poverty alleviation.*

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From left: (partly hidden) Mayor Raul Baniyas, Mr. Carmelo Narciso, former governor Mariano Un Ocampo III, Congressman Diogenes Osabel, Mr. Rey Daeng, and Ms. Marites Sison during one of the reunion's discussion sessions.



Atty. Adrian Sison, Mayor Raul Baniyas, Governor Rafael Coscolluela, former mayor Jesse Robredo, Mrs. Cielo Macapagal-Salgado, Mr. Pedro Medalla, and Mrs. Susan Go (left to right) during lunch on the Embassy grounds.



Legal luminaries share insights during the reunion's thematic session on judicial reform. From left: Justice Zenaida Elepaño, Atty. Marilen Ramiro, Judge Nimfa Sitaca, Judge Portia Hormachelos and Justice Harriet Demetriou.



From left to right: Bishop Antonio Tobias of San Fernando, La Union; Atty. Marilen Ramiro; and Sister Mary John Mananzan of St. Scholastica's College, Manila, in a huddle on the theme of "Education for All."



Members of the IV Alumni Association are sworn in at the end of the day-long reunion. Later, Mr. Aniceto Sobrepeña was elected the group's first president.



Members of a Smokey Mountain youth group, Mga Anak ni Inang Daigdig, cap the reunion with a cultural performance during a reception on the embassy terrace.

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information on a number of topics: the status of Filipino students in the U.S.; how to apply to U.S. colleges and universities; testing requirements for admission to U.S. colleges and universities; and PAEF's advising center and services. The session was intended to motivate Filipino students to pursue their goal of studying in the U.S. In the afternoon, Dr. Cunanan held consultations with 31 students and six faculty members at the Seminar Room of CPU's Henry Luce III Library.

## American Studies

### ASA Baguio-Cordillera Meeting Focuses on Education

On Saturday, February 24, members of the American Studies Association of Baguio-Cordillera met for its annual assembly to share ideas and experiences on the topic of education, both in the United States and the Philippines. The day-long affair was entitled, "Philippine Education: Global and Historical Perspectives," and brought together an impressive array of speakers.

Dr. Bernardita Churchill, Professor of History at the University of the Philippines-Diliman and De La Salle University, spoke on "The American Contribution to Philippine Education: The Thomasite Experience." Dr. Churchill has done considerable research on the Thomasites, and her remarks stimulated lots of discussion among members of the audience, which was composed largely of educators. There was significant debate about the Thomasites' role in bringing English to the Philippines, and how the language has evolved over the years.

Other speakers in the morning included Dr. Francisca Erese, who spoke on "Philippine Education: Its Vision and Mission," and Dr. Eufonio Pungayan, President of ASA Baguio-Cordillera, on "A Cultural Comparison of the Cordillera Native and the Afro-American: An Interlude."

The afternoon session was given over to the future of education, as Cultural Affairs Officer Phillip Ives spoke on "The Uses, Role and Impact of Information Technology on Education." He was followed by Dr. Celia Adriano, Head of Distance Education at UP-Diliman, who lectured on "Distance Education." Dr. Esmeralda Cunanan, director of the educational advising center at the Philippine-American Educational

Foundation (PAEF), spoke on "Studying in the U.S. -- Opportunities and Visa Procedures."

### Palawan ASA Hosts Eco-Tourism Conference

The American Studies Association of Palawan hosted a successful March 2 conference on Philippine and American experiences in addressing environment and eco-tourism issues and concerns. Entitled "Living Environment, Sharing Communities," the gathering was held in Puerto Princesa in cooperation with Holy Trinity College, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy. More than 150 students, faculty and community representatives participated.

The conference, organized by Professor Edward V. Enriquez, secretary of the ASA of Palawan, was opened by Sister Teresita M. Medalle, O.P. Ph.D., who is president of both Holy Trinity College and the ASA Palawan.

Speakers included Margie Moran Floriendo, President, Save the Davao Gulf Foundation and Southern Philippines Foundation for the Arts, Culture and Ecology; Dr. Alan Tyler White and Ma. Monina Flores, both with USAID's Coastal Resource Management Project; and Dr. Michael Anderson, Counselor for Public Affairs, U.S. Embassy.

Several documentaries illustrating U.S. and Philippine environmental and tourism challenges and opportunities were screened and discussed. One of the films, "Our Changing World," was about the upland forests of Mindanao. It was produced by recent U.S. Fulbright scholar, Anthony Collins, a filmmaker from California.

A theme of the conference was that the environment is an area where shared Filipino and American values and combined energy can be put to positive development purposes, such as the protection of resources like forest and coral reefs and the promotion of sustainable coastal area development leadership.

## TJIC News

### TJIC Draws U.E., NDCP Visitors

Dean Carmelita S. Flores of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of the East (U.E.), Manila, and nine members of

its Faculty Curriculum Committee visited TJIC on February 5. TJIC Director Eva Brillo introduced the U.E. team to the Embassy Website and then demonstrated important American Studies websites that they could visit in planning an American Studies Program at U.E. and in developing syllabi in their individual areas of expertise. At the end of the presentations, the visitors were invited to access websites related to the courses they teach.

Ms. Madonna Mauricio, Chief Librarian of the National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP), and three IT personnel visited PAS on March 16 to see the TJIC. Ms. Elnora Conti, TJIC Information Resource Specialist, briefed the group on TJIC's resources and services. The visitors expressed interest in establishing a linkage with TJIC for NDCP masteral students.

### Websites Worth Visiting

Human Cloning  
<http://www.humancloning.org/legality.htm>

Free Information for Foreign Born Who Want to Immigrate to the U.S.  
<http://www.foreignborn.com>

Human Rights Monitoring & Documentation  
<http://huridocs.org/tools>

Human Rights Reports 2000  
<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2000>

Law, Technology and Internet  
<http://gigalaw.com>

Presidential Pardons  
<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/pardons.htm>

Reference Site  
<http://www.ref.desk.com>

Federal Legislative Research  
<http://www.llsdc.org/sourcebook>

U.S. Presidential Appointee Initiative  
<http://www.heritage.org/library/keyissues/gvtreform/thomasreport.pdf>

U.S. Geographic Learning Site  
<http://geography.state.gov/htmls/statehome.html>

### Search Engines Worth Trying

<http://www.copernic.com>  
<http://www.ferretsoft.com/netferret>  
<http://www.dogpile.com>  
<http://www.searchenginewatch.com>  
<http://555-1212.com>



## Thomasites Centennial Poster Released



*(From left) William E. Bright, Director of the U.S. Peace Corps in the Philippines; Public Affairs Counselor Michael H. Anderson; Chargé d'Affaires Michael E. Malinowski; and Economic Counselor Mort Holbrook present a Thomasite poster to Secretary Roco.*

The Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) was recently presented with a framed copy of a colorful, new poster

marking 2001 as the centennial year of the arrival in the Philippines of the Thomasites. They were the 540 American teachers who

landed in Manila on August 23, 1901 aboard the U.S. army transport "Thomas" to establish a modern public school system and introduce English instruction.

The U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Section has a limited supply of souvenir Thomasite Centennial posters. For a complimentary copy, contact Tony Perez in the Cultural Affairs Office.

The poster and a website ([www.thomasites100.org](http://www.thomasites100.org)) are efforts by the Thomasite Centennial Project, a joint effort of the Public Affairs Section, American studies associations in the Philippines, the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) and leading cultural and educational institutions around the country, to create public awareness of the contributions of the Thomasites to Philippine education.

On August 24-25, the American Studies Association of the Philippines (ASAP) will sponsor an international conference at Ateneo de Manila University on American influences on Philippine education.



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